

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

**JULY 17, 2018**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Gary Cameron, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call. Darrin McGowan was not present.

**MINUTES:** Williams moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting as presented. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Commissioner Miller reported that the new skid loader is in. They will be putting in a sidewalk at Wilson Estates next week.

**Animal** – Warden Cottrell said they had a popular event last week. People were standing in line to adopt 11 puppies. All were adopted within 30 minutes. An additional 9 dogs and 11 cats were also adopted.

Cottrell said they will be having a staff change. Dan Herbert's last day will be the 27<sup>th</sup>. She asked permission to move Casey up to Dan's position at \$12.00 per hour full time. She would also like to hire 2 part time employees. One would replace Casey at \$9.00 per hour and would work mostly weekends at 22-24 hours per week. She would like to hire a high school student at \$7.25 per hour for extended adoption hours at 12-14 hours per week. Williams moved to approve Cottrell's recommendation to hire. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Fire** – Assistant Chief Munson informed the Board that Niedenthal started July 11<sup>th</sup> and Hufferd will start tomorrow. Derek Justice, Justin Ray, and Luke Frank have all passed their Perf physicals and are waiting on the confirmation from Perf for them to begin working.

Don Watson from the State EMS Commission inspected our ambulances and we passed our certification at paramedic level with flying colors.

We hired our Chief Deputy, Rachell Clark. She will start July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have also hired 3 full time shift medics, Adam Losekamp, Jerry Reighley, and Jason Schiederer. 4 part-time medics were hired. They are Derrek Simmermon, Brett Ramer, Calvin Venable, and Jim Wolfe.

We took over the county central district Sunday at 12:01 a.m. So far we have not had any runs.

Jarman made a motion to waive the probationary pay for the EMS personnel. They would still have a probationary period, but would receive regular pay. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jarman made a motion to approve all of the new employees as recommended. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Park** – Park Director Burklow said summer camp went well. The largest crowd was 32 kids. Approximately 65 people attended the movie at the pool last Friday.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**CITY DRAINAGE BOARD:**

- **Technical Review Manual – Strand Update Manual** – Cameron confirmed that Strand has updated the manual.
- **School Weight Room Project** - Todd Wallace, the engineer for the school was present to discuss the drainage for the school's weight room project. He said the trench drain will tie into the storm sewer. There will be no overflow area. A back flow preventer can be installed in the inlet. Cameron asked the size of the line for the trench drain. Wallace said he thought it was an 8 inch, but he will check to be sure. Wallace said they are not increasing the runoff to any of the basins. Cameron requested to see the plans. Cameron made a motion to table in order to review the plans. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **SRO Conversation** – Assistant Police Chief Click said he and Chief Tucker have been discussing this and they would be happy to discuss it with Williams. Pavey will contact the insurance company to get further information.
2. **Fire Department Rear Bay Floor Replacement** – Assistant Chief Munson said they had contacted 8 companies, but only received 1 bid. The bid was from Kelsey Painting for \$27,925.00. Cameron moved to table for review by the city attorney. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Spencer Street Culvert Claim** – The street was closed last week to begin the project. They ran into Frontier's fiber. Frontier will be working to move the fiber starting

Monday and plan to be finished on Thursday. After this is completed they will replace the culvert. It is expected to take 2 weeks.

Cameron moved to approve the claim as presented. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Cherry Street Claims** – Cameron moved to approve the Cherry Street claims as presented. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **City Center Claim #4** – Williams moved to approve City Center claim #4. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Military Leave Joshua Clifton** – Assistant Police Chief Click informed the Board that Officer Clifton left today for active duty with the National Guard. He will return August 14. His unit has deployed to Indonesia. Click requested an additional 16 days to cover Clifton's leave. Williams made a motion to approve the additional military leave for Clifton. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Policy Issues – Modified Duty and Certification Fire Rescue-BLS, ALS and Paramedic** - Newhouse is working on modifying our personnel policy to clearly define the certification of Fire Rescue-BLS, ALS, and Paramedic.
6. **Animal Shelter Building** – Mayor Pavey said they have been looking at the possibility of a new building for the animal shelter. He said to prepare the drainage for a building at the Laker site it would cost approximately \$38,000.00. He said there is a lot of work to do in order to build on this site. They have been in negotiations with Matthew Connolly regarding property that includes a building which is for sale. The question is, does it make sense to purchase the Connolly property instead of building a new building. The appraisal is 25% more than Connolly has agreed to sell for. Jarman asked if the Connolly property allows room to grow. Pavey said it does. Williams made a motion to move forward with the less expensive option and allow the Mayor to speak with Laker regarding a property trade. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE** – Nothing.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before the Board; Williams moved to adjourn. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.